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MEMORANDUM FOR: Industry Members, State, and NOAA Fisheries Personnel with Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries

FROM: Ray Mroch

SUBJECT: Status Purse-Seine Landings of Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden for the 2016 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2016 Gulf Menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic Menhaden purse-seine landings for 2016. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"^{1,2} and metric tons (also for 2015 and 2011-2015 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average³</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Gulf Menhaden</u>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville combined:	Total Standard Fish:	1,595,096	1,762,711	-9.5%	1,722,058	-7.4%
	Total Metric Tons:	484,750	535,688		523,333	
<u>Atlantic Menhaden</u>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	452,100	472,127	-4.2%	487,149	-7.2%
	Total Metric Tons:	137,393	143,479		148,045	

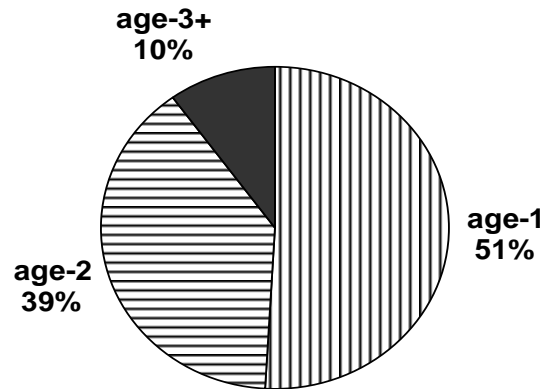
¹ To convert to pounds, multiply by 670

² To convert to metric tons, multiply by 0.3039

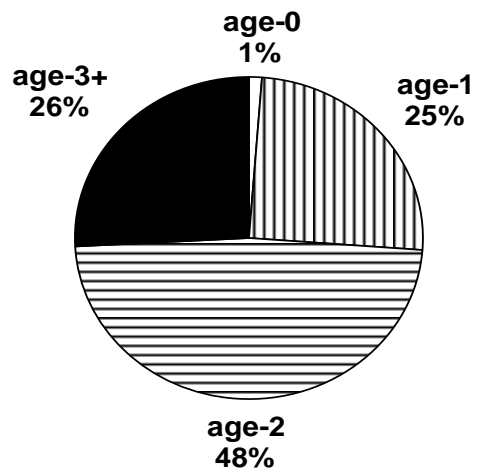
³ Gulf values include landings at the factory in Cameron, LA, which closed in December 2013

Age Composition of 2016 Menhaden Port Samples

Gulf Menhaden (n = 2,222)



Atlantic Menhaden (n = 2,249)



* Gulf samples contain ages estimated from port samples collected through September 26.